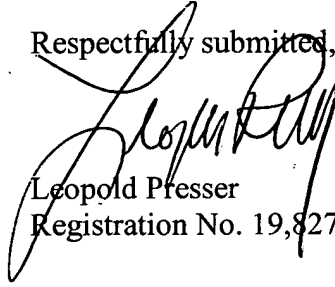


REMARKS

As originally filed, claims 9 - 17 did not comply with the multiple dependent claim style specified by U.S. law. The amendments submitted above have been made to delete all multiple dependencies and to place the claims into better form for U.S. prosecution. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered before an action on the merits is issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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